



**CIGARETTE PAPERS**  
By JOSEPH HATTON.

A Challenge to "Punch."

The say "Punch" is to have a name. "Fun" is to enter the lists against the champion, backed by the trainer of "Tit-Bits." The

"London Charivari" has had many rivals, not competitors in the ordinary acceptation of the term, but "wagers" of battle to the death. "Down with 'Punch'" idea. They are numbered with the not too illustrious dead, and "Punch" still stands alone, the accepted representative of British humour and the champion of British liberty—a trifle shaky at the outset in regard to the Boer War, but only a tremor of doubt, akin to the momentary pause of a bound on a waning moon, made up for, in after days, with all the old strong, fervid patriotism that has ever marked the sentiments and policy of the sage of Fleet-street.

**Sir John Tenniel and His Successors.**

With the real or threatened rivalry of "Punch" comes a new era for that national publication. John Tenniel, famous artist, unrivalled cartoonist, has resigned his place to a younger colleague, whose method is in his day as original as Tenniel's was in his. Sir J. Tenniel has for 50 years contributed to "Punch," and most of the time been responsible for its chief cartoon. A very remarkable record, it is not too much to say that his work has had a beneficent influence on English art as well as upon local and international politics. Things seem, it is well said, are greater than their heads, and many of Sir J. Tenniel's cartoons live in the memory of Christendom, foreshadowing what he has done, some grand movements, and illustrating achievements of world-wide importance. "Waiting for the Verdict," during the American War, "Too Late" on the taking of Khartoum, by the Mahdi, and "Dropping the Pilot" will at once occur to most of my readers. Mr. Sambourne, upon whose broad shoulders the mantle of Tenniel has fallen, can well carry the responsibility. When quite a young and untried draughtsman he was encouraged by Mark Lemon, and thereby weaned from the career of a civil engineer to become one of the most original and interesting black and white artists of our time.

**The Secret of an Honourable Success.**

The success of "Punch" lies in its strenuous earnestness, its vigorous editorship, its sense of responsibility to the public, and its never wavering recognition of the fact that to be humorous you need neither be immoral nor dull. On the 1st of January Mr. Alfred Harsworth, the founder of the "Daily Mail," edited "The World" in New York to show America how to handle sensational news with good taste, discretion, and sobriety, and in other matters to consider the feelings of individuals. No newspaper in the wide world needed such a lesson more than the New York "World." Seven years ago I pointed out how the methods of America and England in journalism could not fail to result in a complete failure in the production of a newspaper worthy of the best and most laudable aspirations of the two countries. Such blending, of course, would be a delicate and difficult task. We have been taking lessons in "head-lines" and "interviews," and the presentation of news from America, not always to the advantage of good taste. The latest system of selling books and book-shelves is not only American, but the very advertisements that have disfigured great newspapers are inspired and prepared by our expert American cousins. I am not criticizing, please to understand, but chronicling, in this Cigarette Paper. Progress is sometimes marred by the hurry of it. We Britons have reason to be very proud of our press, that is why we are anxious when it comes to transatlantic fixtures that are not even approved by Americans themselves.

**Tom Taylor and Burnand.**

Mr. Frank Burnand has carried on the best traditions of "Punch." The popular satirist has had no editor with a finer sense of humour. None of his predecessors had his capacity for expressing it. Mark Lemon's was a kindly and domestic humour. Shirley Brooks had a refined and cultured wit. Tom Taylor was an egotist whose humour was laboured and mechanical. Burnand is a rollicking hand, and himself is temperate with gaiety. Like Falstaff he is not only witty himself, but the cause that wit is in others men. His laugh is as loud and deep and natural as Mark Lemon's was. Tom Taylor has been dead long enough for criticism. An editor who brings recompense to his duties, who makes personal revenge a platform in his policy cannot hope to be successful. Tom Taylor was the worst possible editor of "Punch." In other ways of life a very able man, clever as a dramatist, and though he began art criticisms without knowing anything about it he became a very shrewd and capable commentator for the "Times." When John Overlord went abroad for a time Mr. Taylor took his post as dramatic critic and set everybody by the ears; so much so that Oxford had to be recalled. He was a hard, pompous gentleman. Mr. Tom Taylor, something should imagine after the manner of John Forster, whom Jerrold dubbed "the beadle of the universe."

**A Tale of the Editor's Room.**

Among the young fellows of our day who worked for "Punch" from 1870 to 1875 was Mr. Wallis Mackay, who had done excellent work on the "Hornet," and was the original "Captains Critic" of the "Sporting and Dramatic News." He made some seven-and-twenty drawings for "Punch," with the approval of the editor, and planned to become a useful member of the staff. Unfortunately death elevated Tom Taylor to the editor's chair. This is not my story, it is that of my friend, Mr. Spielmann, author of "The History of Punch." Mortally offended with a personal sketch which "The Captain's Critic" had drawn some time before, Mr. Taylor at once cancelled the connection of Mackay with "Punch." Even the blocks that had been prepared and paid for were as far as possible suppressed. On the accession of Mr. Burnand, the artist was invited back to Bouverie-st., with a special opening to illustrate "The Essence of Parliament," but Mackay was so angry at the loss of the opportunity that would have made amends for the treatment of the previous editor passed by. Many a man's prospects in London have been similarly hurt by his absence from town.

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DUFFADARES.  
has been attended through  
by six Indian non-com-  
missioned officers who, after  
the day only begged to  
be seen. "Men" appealed  
to them, and they are now here.

mes in the distant land,  
the sea,  
and on the coral strand  
strong, and tall,  
and man,  
and, if need be, tall  
and Queen.

Tat, Tatian,  
to be the man  
sister-face  
in their bosoms beat  
on the rough tent-floor,  
and found again at last  
Le Bahadur."

alone, but they longed to go,  
near to be sent away  
and night by night  
turns on guard,  
in his sight,  
his tent they buried.  
across the foam  
gardians came,  
bird's island home  
had heard the fame,  
"Great Mother," the  
seen,  
by the see—  
shoes soldiers they had  
valley.

have duffadare,  
our country's foes  
ought frontier war,  
an known,  
leave, a message take  
over there—  
warm hand-shake,  
and a prayer,  
—ay, for us all,  
ever  
shall in pieces fall,  
and free,  
upholding right,  
sons have trod,  
ong with resistless might  
and God.

MARSH ST. MARY.

MAN'S CLOTHES.  
Mr. Ernest Cole, a  
suspicious person loitering  
with the supposed intention  
of starting a felony. Last week,  
gouler Scott called out  
everybody's surprise out  
stepped into the dock.  
Dyer arrested him after a  
C. B. he was now said  
sentenced several times  
as a rogue and vagabond  
a woman, thief, &c., the  
proving being 12 months.  
Deans committed pro-  
sions as an incorrigible

FOR HIGHWAY

ROBBERY.  
George Gray pleaded  
robbery with violence.—  
tailor was in a cab in  
20 p.m., when prisoner  
entered and struck him in  
the same moment again.—Various convictions  
against prisoner, who was  
the year's penal servitude.  
among 20, labourer, was  
similar offence.—In the  
took place at midnight on  
a prosecutor, the robbery of which and  
had once before been in  
months' hard labour.

BY BURGLAR.

Baker, labourer, pleaded  
to Bailey to three cases of  
Dec. 6 Miss Julia Cole,  
was awakened by hear-  
bed-room, and said  
another burglar entered  
house. Both men rushed  
the house had been thor-  
oughly searched.—Prisoner, on the  
was found in the house  
at Shepherd's  
escaped with \$65 worth  
possession. Later that  
was seen in the house of  
Luxemburg-gardens, and  
20 worth of property.  
en many times convicted,  
enced to five years' penal

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CHAPTER VIII.

WHEN GREAT NAMES CAME.

Maugiron, lighting a cigar, began to smoke, in an evidently bad humor. Coffee was being served, and few of the diners had already left the room. Intimacy became greater, and Frécourt risked one blow on the back, continuing:

"I am not angry with you in the slightest since you had an interest in acting as you did. But Jenny Hawkins knew me also, it appears?"

"Know you?"

The moment the door was closed you said to her in low tones: "Take care, Tragomer!"

Sorége imperceptibly frowned. Perhaps he felt he was being pressed too hard, and was slightly angry in consequence. He dryly replied:

"Ah! You heard? My fellow. You have good ears. Well, yes, she knew you. It's a very simple manner. I saw from my corner of the box as soon as you entered. She, too, as an artist, interested in learning before whom she was singing, had noticed you, and guessed you to be a foreigner. As soon as I entered her room, she spoke of your host and his companion: 'A Frenchman, I would swear,' she said. 'A Parisian, even.' I replied. 'Then you know him.' Certainly, he is a friend of mine." Drawing him to me. You must be joking. In the meantime, she has taken your fancy, wait till I am gone.' She said it was stupid on my part, and naturally I could not inform her that the reason I did not want to be seen in her presence was that I wanted to be married. I got out of the scrape by pretending to be jealous. That is why, when you entered the room, I hastily closed the door, uttering your name by way of warning, and adding in menacing tones, the words 'Take care.'

Tragomer did not deny the truth of this account. He hastened to throw light on the entire facts.

"It was you who were returning with her after the performance?"

"Naturally. Your sudden appearance in front of the door just when I was about to descend, was very annoying. We were returning to take supper together."

"So you left one another there, without meeting again?"

"Oh, no," said Sorége pleasantly. "Ten minutes after, when you had made up your mind to return into the hotel, Jenny came out again. I was waiting for her in the carriage, and instead of taking supper at the Hotel des Etrangers, we went to the Golden House. It was when leaving there at two o'clock in the morning that she caught a cold and was hoarse the next day, causing her performance the following evening to be countermanded, and bringing about her departure for Chicago."

"Where you saw her again?"

"Certainly. We recompensed ourselves fully for all the worry you had caused us. But now, in your turn, will you explain to me why you are so determined to play the spy on this poor girl, as you have been doing?"

"Ah, that's a fine question. I had found her company very charming, and I discovered that some mysterious person or other was occupying the place of an axioms to hold. I wanted to quite certain whether I had any chance or not."

Sorége, with closed eyes, and a smile on his lips continued to smoke. Then he said, good humoredly:

"This is all very simple. We were rivals for a whole twenty-four hours. But for my prospective stepmother, and those cowboy sons of hers, I would willingly have introduced you, and you would have shared my good fortune, as it right between friends, especially in words:

"Was it during your trip to America that you became acquainted with Miss Harvey?"

"Sorége did not raise his eyes; he remained close and impulsive, then slowly pulled himself together, took a cigarette, and walking to the antepieces lit it, as though he wished to give himself time to reflect; then he said:

"No; I knew her previously. It is as her father who took me to America."

Tragomer was put out of countenance; he had hoped that Sorége, if suddenly attacked, would be afraid, see his head, and deny the voyage; at least, appear troubled by the question so unexpectedly asked. But his opponent did not lose his head so easily, and was never afraid. Christian immediately had a proof of this, Sorége opened his eyes wide, filled with a disquieting light, and burst into loud laughter.

Tragomer said nothing for some moments, then, as though overcome by curiosity, asked:

"Where did you become acquainted with Jenny Hawkins?"

"Ah, that is annoying you, isn't it? Well, I will tell you. I made her acquaintance in London at the Alhambra, where she was engaged to sing and dance, without giving any signs that she would some day become a star."

"Is she not Italian?" asked Tragomer abruptly.

Sorége slowly opened his eyes, and spoke in a voice, the sudden dryness of which alone betrayed his emotion:

"Why Italian? Because she sings in Italian? All singers on tour can sing in Italian. It is indispensable, and may be learnt in twenty lessons."

"At any rate, she is neither English nor American, so my host told me."

"Then, if you know, why do you ask me?"

"To see if you know or not."

"I might well not have known for this girl's past life has little interest for me, but, as it happens, I do know, my good Christian. I like to make inquiries concerning the people with whom I have even passing relations, and I am very well informed concerning Jenny Hawkins."

"Whose name is not Jenny Hawkins?"

"No," said Sorége, coldly. "She is named Jeanne Baud, or, Jane Baudier, and French by birth. Now are you satisfied, Tragomer?"

In the tone in which these words were uttered there was so much sarcasm that Christian clenched his hands together in wrath. It was as though his interlocutor had said to him: "Hunt everywhere, my poor fellow, you will not find me at fault. I will put you off, as I like, and continue the game as long as I please. Here I have had you on tenement-hooks for a whole hour, telling you a pack of falsehoods, to lead you to the discovery of Jeanne Baud, who is a real personage on whose authenticity you will rack your brains in vain."

"Jenny Hawkins?"

"Yes, Jenny Hawkins. I am not going to play the hypocrite with you.

Mr. Harvey's father dragged me for two months about his ranchos. It was rather monotonous, and Jenny gave me a very good reception, after all that Americanism it was pleasant to have a little of the European element introduced. . . ."

"Then you were present, occupying box, when I entered?"

"With your two Yankees, yes. You may imagine whether or not I was anxious to show myself. Had you come and found yourself into my arms you would have had to introduce me to your two friends. They would have spoken of our meeting in the town. Harvey and his son might have learnt that I had had a liaison, and knowing as do the opinions of the Anglo-Saxons, I should have found myself in a diffi-

cult situation. You are not angry with me, are you?"

Tragomer had recovered his self-possession. He was now reflecting. Sorége's explanation was certainly acceptable, even probable. But, for a mind as prepossessed as Christian's, there was an excess of skill in the whole story; it rested on too well-laid a foundation. In this minute and careful arrangement was revealed the intention to deceive. He wished to drive to extremities this admirable actor, to force him to exhibit all his talents.

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"That is why their daughters manifest so lively a propensity to marry English or French noblemen."

"If you feel so inclined, Harvey is acquainted with several charming young ladies, light-complexioned, with long waists and short legs, rather heavy chins and possessed of large dowries. We must cross the race, Tragomer."

"Yes! But such an alliance is not in my line just now. Still, I shall compliment your handsomely on the choice she has made."

"Very well, I will take you to see Harvey one of these evenings. The recommendation was without purpose, for a whole tumult of sepulchral cries was being let loose, as though a very painful surgical operation was being performed on a very sensitive patient."

"Ah! We are in front of the door on the right, the lesson room," said Tragomer. "We must ring at the one on the left, the engagement room."

On this door the inscription was: "Campistron Agency. Engagements. Information. Performances of every description from ten o'clock till five o'clock. T.T.H."

"T.T.H." said Marenval. "That means: Turn the handle."

He suited the action to the word. The door opened, and a gloomy-looking room, hung with tarnished wallpaper, and separated in all its length by a wooden balustrade, was presented to their view. Behind the balustrade, two clerks, of very shabby aspect, were writing. Men and women were seated on the well-worn benches, waiting. One of the clerks raised his head, laid down his pen, and after glancing at them no one would have suspected that they were no ordinary clients, and rising from his seat asked:

"Can I do anything for you, gentlemen?"

"We wish to speak to M. Campistron," said Tragomer.

"Especially when one has to deal with opponents who cheat with corner-bent cards."

"Marenval and Tragomer exchanged glances.

"Very well," replied Marenval. The clerk opened a door in the balustrade, and crossed the antechamber. After knocking at a door he entered, and the room was covered by a noise of everything, in short, testified that the murdered woman was indeed Jacques' mistress. And yet it was not this person, since now, Tragomer, after suspecting that she was alive, was certain that she was living under an assumed name.

Again he looked at the photograph, Jeanne Baud was as dark-complexioned as Léa Pérelli was fair. The figure was the same, there were the same pearly teeth and charming lips.

Tragomer summoned back to memory all he still remembered of Rovelli, in the bruised face, and mouth, the white teeth of which gave forth a ghastly smile, and there Jeanne Baud had the same mouth as Léa Pérelli. He said:

"Will you trust this photograph to me? It would be a mistake as to the individuality of the rascal woman."

"You see, gentlemen. What did I tell you? Campistron, master yourself. You must answer these gentlemen. Wish to know where the woman was killed?"

"Jacques de Prusse himself had not disputed her identity. In spite of the disfigured face, unrecognisable by reason of revolver shots and the madness of the assassin, her tall figure and magnificent blonde hair, the clothes she wore, the very rings found on her fingers, everything in short, testified that the murdered woman was indeed Jacques' mistress. And yet it was not this person, since now, Tragomer, after suspecting that she was alive, was certain that she was living under an assumed name.

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"But you want Rovelli," interrupted Madame Campistron.

"Rovelli and his company are actually at Veracruz. They are going from there to Mexico and Tampico then to Guyana, and finally to Colombia and Peru."

"I agree, M. Campistron, and bring him to you. Never mind your private life."

Campistron opened a register, and striking the folios with the palm of his hand said:

"Here, gentlemen, is the route taken by all the important companies to-morrow, and make your debut at the end of the week. You will have a hundred francs the first month, and a hundred fifty the second."

"I agree, M. Campistron, and bring him to you. Never mind your private life."

"I understand. Was this Miss Hawkins agreeable in disposition?"

"Agreeable, sir," exclaimed Madame Campistron. "Nothing of the kind. She was violence itself! Thunder and lightning! Altogether unscrupulous!"

"My dear!" interrupted the examiner.

"Oh! she was well known. And what language! Billingsgate, air, was out of the question. Ah! It was certain that she had never been brought up by a duchess. Old Mother Baud, Yes, Campistron, in spite of all your protests, she was a mere nobody. And her daughter was the same. One day I saw her strike Bonnard, the tenor, because he would not sing a little quicker in the duet from 'Carmen.' He turned dumb with astonishment right in the middle of a couplet. No one has ever been able to live with her, as you may understand, sir, one does not care to live with a woman who frequents both men and women, and that at the same time!"

"Now you are astounded!" burst forth Campistron. "You have vented all your spleen op this poor girl, I suppose."

"Absolutely certain. In the month of August she was still working with me here. Madame Campistron will tell you the same, our accompanist can confirm my statement, and everybody in the house would testify to it. But what

## OUR OMNIBUS.

## THE CONDUCTOR.

America drew herself apart from us in anger. There was blood upon the dissolution of what should have been a happy and generous partnership. We learnt the lesson our revolution allowed subjects taught us. Under an enlightened Government, if in later years they had desired to be independent of us, their demands would not have been resisted. But we should have remained firm friends and allies. Such combination—"American nationality and British citizenship"—to quote Sir W. Laurier's speech about future possibilities in Canada, would have probably spared the world more than one of its most terrible conflicts. England and America united in a bond of affectionate relationship would have had a powerful influence upon the policies of European governments, involving questions of peace and war.

Sir W. Laurier's response to the toast of "Canada and the Empire" may be a truthful forecast. Years ago, in the bad old times of indifference to colonial sentiment, Mr. John Bright was quite willing to let Canada go; but he did not represent the feeling of Mother England. It is true we should not have gone to war to keep the colony with us, but we should never, either then or later, have been indifferent to her future, as Mr. Bright appeared to be. We fought and bled for Canada, and the Dominion has always been enthusiastically loyal. The time may come when the child will be too big to hold it to the maternal apron strings, but, if ever she parts from us, it will be with gratitude and love, and, as a member of a great and powerful family, maintaining the traditions of her parentage and let us hope that never-to-be severed tie which Sir W. Laurier associates with Canadian nationality.

This is the true interpretation of Sir W. Laurier's speech. Our enemies will prefer to read it differently. But it really does not matter what they say; we pay too much attention to our scrapping and spouting foes. Under the flag of the Mother Country our colonies have already become nations. One day they will be great Powers. If they should take their destinies more completely into their own hands, neither the new Great Britain are likely to misunderstand each other. Meantime, while they stand around the Old Country like so many stalwart sons about a strong and powerful chief, against all comers, holding the old home and the new for freedom and civilisation.

The time will assuredly come when the Boers will return not only to the alignment which they broke through bad advice and over-ambitious leaders, but will range themselves among the Empire's defenders. It will take a longer time to bring this about than we hoped; but we are a patient people, and magnanimous to a defeated enemy. We offer to a far broader freedom, a far nobler "liberty of the subject," than what we asked at their hands for the Uitlanders. When they have accepted it, and the authority of the Imperial power is established, the Boer will come to feel and understand how much better off he is, how much more secure are his just rights as a burgher and a citizen than ever he was under the government of ex-President Kruger.

"The Conductor" takes off his hat to Mr. Punch and his new chief conductor. Mr. Samboourne has no greater admirer than his famous predecessor, Sir John Tenniel. The story of Mr. Samboourne's connection with "Punch" from an outside contributor to the vacated chair of John Tenniel, is an example to young men whatever profession or business they may take up. There is no position youth may not achieve given a fair amount of ability and the capacity of taking pains which Disraeli, or some other man who knew, described as genius. Not only has Mr. Samboourne justified his promotion, but he has given expression to the general sentiment of the hour with an artistic force to which "Punch" rarely finds youth. Samboourne draws Kitchener appealing to John Bull for more horses if the busness in South Africa is to be quickly finished.

Last week one of the most deaf and popular of old "Punch's" former pencils urged in "The People" the pressing necessity of War Office reform, especially in the direction of red-tapism. A writer of authority in the "Daily Telegraph" entered upon a detailed explanation of the failure of the Government to give to the commissioners in South Africa a sufficient number of mounted men and the remounts necessary to cavalry already in the field. Neither officials individually nor the Government collectively are, it seems to me, to blame. They are the victims of that stifling red tape which must be destroyed. "At any time red-tape," says the "Telegraph," "is an entanglement not less formidable than barbed-wire fencing, but when the red tape of the Colonial Office is entwined with that of the War Office, and into both is plaited the red tape of the office of the Agent-General for Cape Colony, the wits used in the attempt to bind Samboourne are gossamer fitters compared to the result," which in this case of mounted men has delayed the end of the war.

## THE ACTOR.

Mr. Bepson has done a wise thing in engaging Miss Colburn to play Portia for him at the Comedy. My faith will be taken in the actor's performance. So far, she has had little opportunity to show London playgoers what she can do in the way of Shakespearian impersonation. I had the pleasure of seeing her Lady Macbeth at the Camberwell Theatre, and thought highly of it. She has played other such parts, I believe, in the country, where Miss May Harvey, by the way, is now acting Portia to the Shylock of Mr. Cooper-Chafe. Really, one is inclined sometimes to be a little jealous of the provincial theatre-goer.

It was inevitable that Mr. Tree should one day enact Malvolio. There are certain roles for which certain actors are, so to speak, pre-destined—their adaptability to which is obvious. It was obvious, for example, years ago, that Henry Irving must be seen as the Countess Olivia's steward, and the event happened in due course just as it was pre-ordained that Sir

Henry should be seen as Don Quixote, though unhappily only in a very un-dramatic version. Of course there are a few cases in which expectation of this sort is balked. Some of us have been waiting for years to witness the Rosalind of Miss Ellen Terry; but, alas! it has not come to us.

The promised revivals of "Peril" and "Masks and Faces" points to a certain state of faune in the theatrical world. "Peril" is to be run until Mr. Pinero's new comedy is finished, but one would have thought that Mr. Bourchier had his pigeons full of original plays ready for production. "Masks and Faces" is perhaps to be done at the Prince of Wales' because the rôle of Peg Wellington appeals to Miss Tempest. She should, I think, be an excellent Peg, but why does not some English dramatist give a play for her? She has revealed (not for the first time) powers of comedy which could prove inspiring to playwrights.

Only two new plays are announced for early production in London, and one of these is of American origin—"The Bells of Bohemia," to wit, and that is only a musical extravaganza. Mr. Lowndes is to open his new theatre with it, and the fact is significant. The American musical piece has come to stay. "The Bells of Bohemia" are enter-taining, but pretty faces and the quaint humour help to draw our public; but I am inclined to think that an even more potent force in the matter is the immense amount of "go" which the Yankees, female as well as male, infuse into their work.

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Some new singers will make their debuts at Covent Garden, and several legitimate Italian operas will be performed. Now that "Der Ring des Nibelungen" cycles are abandoned, German operas will probably be confined to "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," "Tristan und Isolde," "Der Meistersinger," and "Siegfried." It is also hoped that Massenet's "Le Cid," with Mille Bréval as the heroine, and Mme. Jena and Edouard de Reske will be heard here early in the London season, for the famous Polish tenor has already appeared in New York, as Lehengrin, for the first time since his illness last year.

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The celebrated band conducted by Mr. Sonne, composer of "The Washington Post," and other tuneful marches, will appear at Glasgow on September 30, and give performances until the beginning of October. In November Mr. Sonne will introduce his instrumentalists at a London concert, after which they will tour through the United Kingdom until Christmas, when they return to America.

An over-flowing audience may be expected at St. James's Hall on Thursday afternoon, when Mr. George Grossmith gives his only humorous and musical recital of the winter season. Lovers of fun and music in the amusing form, served up by the popular entertainer, have not for some time had an opportunity of enjoying his versatility alone on the platform, and will gladly welcome the occasion.

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### TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

### THE WAR. THE NEED FOR MOUNTED MEN.

Sunday Morning, Jan. 13.—The first note of the approaching war has been sounded by the publication on the part of the Unionist leaders of their manifesto. No sensible man can have anything to say against what appears in it, but some of us are a little tempted to regret that which does not. As an indictment of the Progressives and their policy it could hardly be bettered, and most men who take a real interest in municipal affairs will be satisfied, and vote for the party which endorses it. It thoroughly exposes the aim of the Progressives in trying to magnify their own importance instead of getting on with the work they were elected to do, and it shows more effectively that their administration has been shabby without being sound.

All this is excellent as far as it goes, but I question whether it goes far enough to induce the elector who takes a slight interest in these questions to put himself to the trouble of voting. The manifesto is more negative in character than I altogether like, and I should have preferred a programme more calculated to excite enthusiasm among the lay and the listless. The Unionists have an overwhelming majority in London, but the problem has always been how to get that majority to declare itself, and I rather question whether that problem has been solved this time. I can only say that, in the interests of the good government of London, I most sincerely hope it has.

One of the sensations of the week has been the Duke of Norfolk's expression of hope in Rome that the Pope might recover his temporal sovereignty. It is a pity that the Duke did not guess that the Italians would not understand that he was speaking merely as a private person, but would certainly credit him with representing to some extent the views of the Government of which he was so lately a member. Our Government have taken the earliest opportunity of assuring the Italians that they do not share the sentiments of the Duke in this particular, and I am sure that the last thing in his own mind was of speaking in any sense as their representative.

Personally, I have never been able to understand why good Roman Catholics should desire the restoration of the temporal power. The Government of the Papal States, when they existed, was admittedly bad, and indeed it is difficult to see how it could possibly have been otherwise under an ecclesiastical authority. No man can bear both the keys of Peter and the sword of Justice with success, and, as a matter of fact, the Pope swam with the ship of State as rashly as the Duke with his. In assuming the steering, he bought and stands to lose the consequences of the same. In all this (except the last particular), typical of many other positions, who have to装饰 the speculator company, men ought to know that. They ought to be the bitter experience in the Stock Exchange where the untrained to control, or even operations of those lived their lives to the point. Equally clear is ought to recognise their own unavoidable have no moral right to and their reputations as ground bait for the most men of high intelligence integrity should be such obvious consequences of gold can damage and moral vision of to be most keenly obligations they so lightly

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**THE NIU-CHWANG-SHANGMAI-  
KUAN RAILWAY.**  
Reuter's Agency is informed that there is no foundation for the report that the British Government has agreed to cede the Niu-chwang-Shang-ku-an Railway to Russia. The British Government would be unable to make any such cession, as the railway in question is Chinese, although it was constructed with British capital. It was, however, stipulated that the railway should not be mortgaged to any foreign Government or company. There have, indeed, been reports that Russian agents were endangering to buy out

**BRITISH INTERESTS.**  
but there has been no question of any action in this connection by the British Government, nor has the latter been approached in the matter. With all respect, I decline to join them. The unhappy ship's company were left in deadly danger from 11 o'clock on Sunday night until 6 o'clock on Friday morning, and all the time they were scarcely 500 yards from the shore. I will bet that the men of Deal or Falmouth would have had every one of them off in 24 hours, and though the failure of the French is no impeachment of their gallantry, it shows considerable incompetence to deal with the emergencies of the sea.

**JAPAN AND THE AMERICAN  
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**WIDE AWAKE.**

### LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

#### HOME.

The quarrymen's strike in Derbyshire resulted in a settlement, work to be resumed forthwith.

Richard Williams, alias Keenan, was remanded at Wellington, charged with shooting James Mathew, gamekeeper of the Dowdeswell estate, at one of the Dowdeswell Co. pits at Veartree.

Samuel Smith, 48, landlord of the Odell's Arms, Bury, hanged himself to his bed-nail.

An important find of rich hematite ore is reported near Dalton-in-Furness.

#### BOER PRISONERS AT ST. HELENA.

St. Helena, Jan. 12.—The transport Columbia arrived here to-day with 200 more Boer prisoners. Many who were suffering from physical weakness were put in ambulances, and all were sent to Woodstock Camp. After discharging a large quantity of cargo, the Columbia will return to the Cape to-night with the 55 men who formed the guard.—Reuter.

#### BLADESFONTEIN PEACE COMMITTEE.

Bladesfontein, Jan. 12.—The following members of the local Peace Commission, Messrs. Fraser, Palmer, Theron and Van Vicker, all members of the late Raad, Mr. van der Linde, late executive member, and Mr. Adendorff, have issued an appeal to the Burghers to do their utmost to persuade the Boers to surrender.

#### FOREIGN EXODUS.

Durban, Jan. 12.—The Premier of Natal, in an interview to-day, said he was not aware that any steps had been taken to call for the general body of Natal Volunteers out again for service.

A large number of foreigners have arrived here during the week from Johannesburg, and left by steamers to-day at the printing offices of the "Nouveliste."—Reuter.

#### FOREIGN.

It is announced that the rebels in Columbia who were menacing Panama have been dispersed, and that peace is now restored.—Reuter.

Considerable damage has been caused to Bordeaux by a fire which broke out to-day at the printing offices of the "Nouveliste."—Reuter.

The Bill for the construction of a canal between the Rhine and the Elbe and of other waterways was yesterday presented to the Lower House of the Prussian Diet.—Reuter.

The U.S. State Department is officially informed that the British Cabinet is considering the Hay-Panacote Treaty, with a view to finally determining whether it will agree to it or not in its amended form.—Reuter.

A fire broke out yesterday at Musciano, in the province of Valladolid, and threatens to destroy half the town. Two persons have perished in the flames. The Prefect of Valladolid is on his way to the scene, as well as the gendarmerie from that town.

**AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF  
RAILWAY SERVANTS.**

This society has issued a manifesto to non-unions in the railway service, appealing to them at the commencement of the new century to join the organisation, with the view of obtaining shorter hours, better wages, better conditions of employment, proper treatment, better protection from accident, legal assistance to obtain their rights when necessary, something to fall back upon when out of employment, and something for those left behind in case of death.

The document then contrasts the position of railway men to-day and of 20 years ago, for the purpose of showing the benefits which the society has been able to bring about, and to share the proceeds.

**THE BISHOP OF LONDON.  
LAST NIGHT'S BULLETIN.**

The Bishop of London still lies in a precarious state. He underwent a very delicate operation nearly six weeks ago, the result of which was not quite satisfactory, and further surgical treatment was deemed advisable. His lordship's health then appeared to show a marked improvement, and although his progress was naturally very slow, no immediate anxiety was felt as to the ultimate issue. On Tuesday last, however, unfavourable symptoms rapidly developed, and the patient's condition became critical. Nothing of an encouraging nature subsequently transpired to dispel the ominous fears entertained since that day, nevertheless the doctors in attendance have not entirely lost hope.

The Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales have sent to make inquiries daily as to the condition of the Bishop. A further medical examination was made at a late hour last night, and at 10 o'clock the appended bulletin was announced:

"The Bishop of London's condition throughout the day remained unchanged, and is still of a very grave character."

**DESERTER'S APPEAL TO THE  
QUEEN.**

At Eastbourne police-court yesterday Alfred Haffenreffer was charged with being a deserter since June 27 from the Royal Artillery at present stationed at Exeter. Maj. Teale, chief constable, stated that prisoner, constable, admitted the offence, had forwarded through the War Office a petition to the Queen. In this appeal Haffenreffer urged that he had deserted because when he went home on leave he found his family in great need of monetary assistance. He was now in work, earning good wages, and therefore asked for a free pardon. Prisoner was sent to Lewes gaol for a week, there to await an escort from his regiment.

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## “THE PEOPLE” MIXTURE.

In London 2,333 births and 1,363

deaths were registered last week.

The births were 24 above, and the deaths 60 below, the average. The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes further rose last week to 17.8.

The 1,363 deaths included 21 from measles, 24 from diphtheria, and 22

from whooping-cough.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 10, having been 13, 9, and 7 in the preceding three weeks.

Different forms of violence caused 30

deaths, concerning all of which inquests were held.

Of these 12 were cases of suicide and 2 of homicide, while the remaining 26 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 4,300 births and 1,611 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 33.1 and 22.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 17.5, per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,789,000 persons in the middle of the year.

One hundred and ninety-three steamers ply upon the Danube.

There are 1,000 silver-mines in Spain.

Floods in Bengal in 1876 cost 200,000 lives.

Canadians owe on an average \$10 a head. Australian 24d.

1900 should really be 1904. Christ was born 2000 years ago.

A German named Heppel covered 600 miles in six days in 1892.

Hatten egg and lambchop went to make the only blacking known in 1901.

Since 1870 the annual product of British farms has fallen £18,000,000.

The import of tobacco in 1900 decreased to the extent of £634,161.

Exports increased last year by £2,000,000, to £29,451,808.

Italian cars buy £12 a head per year. Frenchmen £27 16s.

England has 67 native warm-blooded animals.

The Jewish year has 333 days, the Mahometan 355 days.

Within the last 50 years the cultivated area of the earth has increased by 300 million acres.

Belgium can produce a ton of steel for 20 1/2s. England for 48, and France not less than 61.

Quite, in Bolivia, is 9,545 ft. above sea level. Jerusalem is 2,515 ft., and London only 60 ft.

Fancy and evening dress ball will be given at Holborn Town Hall by Mr. H. H. Johnson on Wednesday.

At Bristol in 1874 a Miss Richards earned £20 for her aged parents by walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours.

Twenty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty-five Red Indians have votes in the United States.

The world has 125 astronomical observatories, of which Great Britain has 16.

An able-bodied emigrant of 20 is worth £234 to the country of his adoption.

London people pay 21s. a year a head for gas, other English towns average 10s.

In 1851 you could buy a pound of cocoas in England for 3d.; now it costs 5d.

Railways use up over two million tons of steel a year, almost half the world's product.

Half-a-per cent. of our money is in the form of cheques, only 6 per cent. in hard cash.

One hundred and twenty per cent. more grain is grown to-day than in 1850, but only one cent. more wheat.

The sun is in splendid condition for skating at Grindelwald, Switzerland.

Ten million pounds' worth of hemp is grown in a year. Manufactured it is worth £27,000,000.

Mr. Hall Caine, the novelist, has been added to the Commission of the Peace for the Isle of Man.

The funeral of the late Lord Leconfield took place on Jan. 3 at Peterborough, near Chichester.

Of all men who die in England, one in every 250 is killed by a cab or other vehicle.

Ten million eight hundred thousand English people live in the country; over 16,000,000 in towns.

France pays a bounty of 48c. a ton on iron-built vessels, and 16c. on wood.

In negro countries the number of men and women is about the same. In most white States women are in a minority.

The eggs of kingfishers and swifts, dippers and sand-martins, change, when blown, from delicate pink to chalk white.

The Webley Guardsmen have refused a gift of pictures and books from Mr. W. T. Stead on patriotic grounds.

Bravo, Webley!

Light and harbour charges average 2s. a ton in European ports. A ton ship incurs at Liverpool charge of £155.

Furniture in England averages half the value of the house that contains it. Each inhabitant spends £1 a year on furniture.

Two cubic feet of firewood a head is burnt in the English winter. Sweden and Norway burn 25ft., and the United States 50ft.

Portugal took £150,000,000 in gold and silver out of Brazil between 1700 and 1800 A.D. Now she is the poorest country in Europe.

The United Kingdom is owned by 180,000 people, whose estates average 200 acres. The average Austrian estate is only 20 acres, that in France 22 acres.

One of the most successful series of dances being held this winter are the Nelson Soirees at Addison Hall, the second of which takes place tomorrow evening.

Stuttering is considered contagious in Germany. There are over 80,000 stammering children in the schools of that country, and the number is steadily increasing.

The highest temperature records between 1841-1900 was registered on Jan. 23, 1853 (30 degrees), and the lowest on Jan. 9, 1851 (-4 degrees). So says “The People’s Almanack for 1901, copies of which should be ordered without delay as the supply is limited. For full particulars see our advertising columns.

Charles Parton, condemned in 1893 to penal servitude for life for the mystery of a hansom cab murderer, has been sent to gaol at Hull for highway robbery. He will now have to serve the remainder of the life sentence.

Battersea’s Ratcatcher Club has demanded the Battersea Council’s proposal to spend £50 out of the rates on a free performance of “Hercules” and Lazarus, and a similar one on an

## WEST END SCANDAL.

### STRANGE DEATH OF A YOUNG SHOE ASSISTANT.

### EXTRAORDINARY EVIDENCE.

### CORONER’S COMMENTS ON A SUSPICIOUS CASE.

#### VERDICT.

Mr. J. Troutbeck this week resumed the inquiry on Christabel Hall, aged 23, an assistant at William Whiteley’s (Ltd.), Westbourne-grove, W., who died in King’s College Hospital, as alleged, from the effects of an illegal operation on Dec. 22. Det.-insp. Great Western enquired on behalf of the C.L.D. At the opening of the inquiry, the girl’s father, who lives at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, gave evidence of identification, and Dr. Maclean, consulting physician to Whiteley’s, said it was in consequence of his suspicion that he sent deceased to the hospital. Miss Sarah McLeod, housekeeper at Whiteley’s, now said that deceased had been there about 14 months. She lived in the house with some 200 other girls, and slept in a room occupied by three others. She

shows no signs of illness until Dec. 17, when Dr. Maclean was called in. At that time witness had no ground for being suspicious, but one of the other girls subsequently told her something. She was a well-conducted girl in the house. Witness went with her to the hospital, and also visited her there. —Gertrude Carrall, maid-of-all-work, Paddington-green, draper’s assistant, stated she had known deceased about four years. On Dec. 18 she received from her a telegram, saying “I am to morrow.” —Lily, special, witness went to Westbourne-grove at 11.30 a.m. and found Ham sitting alone in a room. She looked very ill, and said she felt bad, adding, “I have just returned from Dr. Lumley, at Jermyn-st., where I have been under an operation.” She also said the doctor had told her

TO KILL IF SHE WAS SCARED.

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